GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICE STABILISATION FUND FOR COFFEE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a central team visited the State of Karnataka in the month of August, 2002 in connection with the setting up of a Price Stabilisation Fund for coffee;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total funds allocated to the State to meet the coffee crisis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Committee constituted to work out the operational modalities of the Price Stabilisation Fund(PSF) visited Karnataka in the month of August 2002. The objective of the visit was to appreciate the seriousness of the problems being faced by the growers of coffee and to understand the different perspectives put forward by the stake-holders regarding introduction of the PSF scheme. The views expressed by the various segments of the coffee industry and the State Government have been considered by the Committee in its report which has since been submitted to the Government. The Committee, in its report has recommended creation of a Trust Fund for operating the fund to deal with the problems of the growers of coffee, tea, rubber and tobacco.